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Villistas Battle With Salazar Band

HOT BATTLE FOUGHT IN MOUNTAINS

Salazar Captain Is Made
Prisoner and Many of His
Men Killed in Action.

CARRANZA TROOPS
LEAVING TAMPICO

Are Advancing Against the
Villistas at Monterey and
San Luis Potosi.

THE first pitched battle between the forces of Gen. Villa and those of Gen. Salazar occurred Wednesday afternoon, according to official advice received by Gen. Tomas Ornelas, military commander of Juarez. The battle ended in the complete rout of the Salazar troops, he says.

According to the Juarez advice, the fight occurred in the Alcaparras mountains, in the Cuernavaca district. The Villa troops were a part of the command of Gen. Juan Cabral, whose expedition of 2500 into southern Sonora recently passed through Juarez. It was later reported that a strong force would make Cuernavaca its base to inaugurate a campaign against Salazar.

At the Salazar camp, the Salazar element was to be exterminated. The Salazar forces had been raiding small towns for the last few days, and since Monday, the Cabral troops have been endeavoring to corner the band. According to Juarez advice, the Salazar troops held a strong position in the mountains. The fight began shortly after noon on Wednesday and lasted two hours. At the end of that time only four of the band escaped, the remainder being either killed or captured.

Captain Is Captured.
Among those captured was Isaac Fuentes, who was wounded. Upon a person was found the commission of a captain signed by Salazar. Fuentes is supposed to have been in charge of the band. He, together with the other prisoners, will be taken to Cuernavaca, where they will be tried. Following the trial it is understood that Capt. Fuentes will be brought to Juarez when an endeavor will be made to learn from him the full strength and location of the Salazar troops.

Defection of Gutierrez.
Neither Villa nor Carranza agents here have as yet received official notification of the report from Mexico City that Emilio Gutierrez has been re-elected provisional president. Both because he has taken a stand against the wholesale executions in Mexico City and because of his part in the escape of Eduardo Huerta, Gutierrez is considered to be very unpopular with the Zapata faction, whose candidate has been Gen. Jose Flores, minister of war.

Mexican Land Division.
A bill has been drawn up and will be presented to the Aguascalientes conference, now in session at Mexico City, to define the powers of the Chihuahua land commission, according to advice.

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The War At a Glance

WITHIN a two hour motor ride of Paris, emperor Wilhelm of Germany is directing a violent attack on the French line. The Germans under the eyes of their ruler, won an important victory in the fighting Wednesday night near Soissons, the point at which the battle line, stretching down from the north of the point nearest Paris, turns to the eastward.

In both the Paris and Berlin official statements today, the victory of the Germans on the heights of Vregny, northeast of Soissons, is recorded. The Berlin statement adds that the Germans, charging through heavy mud, took trench after trench, clearing the heights and capturing 1130 prisoners.

PIERCING FIGHTING IN EAST.
In the east also, furious fighting has been resumed. The Russian line near Pervia has been driven back, the Berlin war office states, but the Russians advancing toward the Prussian frontier from the Miawa region have captured several towns.

In control of Poland the Germans have made four violent attacks within 48 hours. They succeeded in driving back the Russians and winning considerable ground.

Russia has since more undertaken an offensive movement against two of the three nations she is fighting.

SEER TO PENETRATE PRUSSIA.
After a long period of inactivity her forces in the north are attempting to penetrate from two directions into east Prussia, where Russia is fighting with the Turks, who, according to official Petrograd advice, have sustained large losses in the late encounters.

In Galicia and Bukovina, where Russia's activities are directed against Austria, there is now little resistance to the Turkish advance, small forces of Persians defended their country from invasion last week, 400 Persian horsemen at Mian-doh, the "gateway to Persia," all but four were killed.

Girl of 15 Denies Self Food to Furnish Funds For Sick Mother; Faints

A girl of 15 years went without her meals until she fainted, so that all she earned might go to help her sick mother.

The mother is very ill with tuberculosis and the girl is breadwinner for them both.

She came to work so weak that she could hardly stand and her employer, on questioning her, found that she had not eaten a thing for 24 hours.

The Salvation army workers were notified of the case and went to find the mother. She was living in a small room in a basement on South El Paso street, where it was so dark that artificial light was needed all day.

The girl and her mother were dead as the small salary had not gone far in supplying the necessities of life for the invalid and the girl.

The family into a sanitary, sunning room, and have temporarily relieved their condition. Clothing is needed very badly for the girl, garments that the girl can wear to work and good underclothing.

BILL CALLS FOR CONVENTION IN OCTOBER

Election to Select Delegates
Would Be Held
in July.

COLQUITT MESSAGE
A LENGTHY ONE

Defends His Administration
and Defends Bank Law
Which Failed.

AUSTIN, Tex., Jan. 14.—A concurrent resolution was introduced by Senator McNealus providing for the calling of a constitutional convention to assemble at 12 o'clock noon in the city of Austin, on the first Monday in October, 1915, for the purpose of framing a new constitution for the state.

The resolution provides for an election to be held on the fourth Saturday in July, 1915, for the election of delegates from each of the senatorial districts, that is one delegate from each senatorial district, and one delegate also from each representative district.

At this election each voter voting for the delegates shall also vote "For" or "Against" the convention.

In the event of a majority vote for the convention the governor shall issue his proclamation calling the convention.

Colquitt's Message Longest on Record.
Governor Colquitt today sent to the legislature one of the longest messages ever written by a governor. It contained more than 30,000 words.

The message is largely taken up with a defense of Colquitt's administration for the last four years.

It ends by promising the incoming administration "friendly aid and cooperation."

This is all done in a general way and Colquitt does not specify that he is going to support the "third and fourth land limit plan," nor any of the other plans favored by Ferguson.

Defends Pet Bank Measure.
Much of the message is devoted to a defense of the bank of Texas bill, which Colquitt tried to get a special session of the legislature to enact.

Would Repeal Allston Law.
The governor says the present legislature should reenact the Allston liquor shipment law, which has been declared invalid by the court of criminal appeals.

Governor Ferguson is pledged not to sign any law, "pro" or "anti," during his last session.

Colquitt wants the legislature to amend the Robertson insurance law in several respects. He wants to repeal the law now in effect against those companies who left when the law was passed, and allow them to return.

He also wants the law amended so they can lend money in Texas, even if they do not want to return for the purpose of writing insurance.

338 PERSIANS DIED FIGHTING

Petrograd, Russia, via London, Jan. 14.—The correspondent of the Bourse and city at Tiflis sends a statement made to him by Scholla Ed Daccheli, the former governor of the province of Azerbaijan, Persia, who has arrived in Tiflis, his one of four survivors of a guard of 400 Persian horsemen who defended the bridge at the entrance to Mian-doh, the gateway to Persia.

He fought the Turks for ten hours, enabling refugees to escape to Maragha, 50 miles south of Tabriz. All Christians who remained in Mian-doh, he stated, were massacred.

"When I heard that the Turks were advancing," he said, "I posted 1500 troops in one of the Mian-doh forts and 1300 in another. I myself with 400 relatives and friends fought a hopeless battle at the bridge until all but four were killed by the Turkish quick fire. I then fled on horseback from Tabriz to Juffa."

"All the members of the consulates and banks escaped from Tabriz."

RUSSIANS AND GERMANS RESUME HARD FIGHTING

Petrograd, Russia, via London, Jan. 14.—Furious fighting has been resumed in the east between the Russian and German forces. The Russian forces in the north, which are pushing toward east Prussia in the region of Miawa, have captured a number of villages.

Important bodies of Russian troops have pushed northward from Warsaw in the movement toward the western front, the German press reports.

They have recaptured a number of villages between Miawa and Prasnysk, hitherto held by the Germans.

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YORK LOCK LEADS GERMAN ATTACK; LOSSES AT SOISSONS ARE HEAVY

Germans Take Vregny Heights, Capturing Trench After Trench Until After Dark; French Lose 14 Officers and 1130 Men, Report States; an Artillery Duel Between the Armies in Flanders Rages.

LONDON, Eng., Jan. 14.—Like the stubbornly contested battle in the early days of the war on which hinged the German occupation of west Flanders, the struggle for the knoll of ground northeast of Soissons known as "Spur 132" still remained undecided today, according to information received in London. The Germans, however, by their counter attacks, appear to be in the better position to the eastward of the spur.

In view of the relatively small amount of ground gained, the losses have been heavy on both sides, but the Germans show no signs of giving up. In fact, it is said that Gen. von Kluck himself is now in command of the German forces.

Further east, near Perthes, where another sharp fight is still in progress, the situation has not changed materially. Judging from dispatches received here.

Armenians May Suffer.
Tabriz, Persia, a city of 200,000 population, apparently was taken without fighting. In view of the fact that the Russian forces are pushing toward east Prussia in the region of Miawa, have captured a number of villages.

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FIGURES GROWN AS PARTIES SEARCH

Avezzano Is Turned Into City of the Dead; Only 10 Percent Survive.

MESSINA HORROR IS ONLY PARALLEL

Italian King Hastens to Direct Rescue; All Central Italy Damaged.

ROME, Italy, Jan. 14.—More than 60,000 people are now known to have been killed or injured in the earthquake which Wednesday devastated practically all of central Italy, and the death list lengthens with every hour the rescuers work in the debris of many towns and villages.

Earthquakes today from time to time send the population of Rome and vicinity into panic. Buildings weakened by Wednesday's catastrophe toppled and some rescuers were injured. The Messina disaster is the only parallel to the latest great catastrophe.

The destruction of the town of Avezzano, a community of more than 15,000 people in Aquila province, is virtually complete. There is good authority for the statement that not more than 10 percent of the population survived the disaster.

Rescuers Dig for Survivors.
The streets of the city are huge piles of stone and brick. Through this the rescuers dig for survivors.

The towns of Santeramo, Frosinone, Cassino, Colliatino, Pescina and San Benedetto also are in large measure destroyed.

At Sorcia, in the province of Caserta, a town of over 6000 population, the victims are estimated at 400. Two-thirds of the houses in the town have been razed, while many of the others are damaged beyond repair. The Roman palace is ruined. Twenty workmen are buried in the ruins.

Officials Are Killed.
An employee of the municipality of Avezzano, one of the few survivors of the city, says the dead include the mayor and the members of the municipal council. Ninety-five of the 100 soldiers who comprised the local garrison lost their lives, as did four out of the seven custom officials, and eight out of the nine policemen.

Everything Seemed to Collapse.
The employees was on the street when the shock came. To him it seemed as if everything fell to pieces at once. An immense cloud of dust rose from the ruins and completely veiled the sky.

The few survivors of Avezzano assembled in Torlonia square. Suffering from the shock, if not actual wounds, they were not capable of helping the wounded buried in the ruins.

Property Loss Not Told.
The full extent of the property loss has not yet been determined. Here in Rome priceless statues, century-old buildings and structures that for years have been the scene of visitors, have been destroyed or injured.

All Central Italy Affected.
Though the loss of life, and possibly the damage may be less than it was in 1908, the area of the disturbance greatly exceeds that of the Messina earthquake. It covers the whole central portion of Italy, extending from Naples on the south to Ferrara on the north.

15,000 Killed at Avezzano.
The most disastrous disturbance, from all reports, seems to have centered in the vicinity of the town of Avezzano, where 15,000 persons have been killed or injured, according to the latest official reports. Reports of damage in various degrees of severity have come from Lattina, Abruzzo, Umbria, the Marches, Tuscany, Ancona, Campania and Apulia.

Quake Belt Now Miles Long.
The earthquake belt is estimated to be about 200 miles long, extending (Continued on Page 2, Col. 5).

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